Adulteration of petrol and diesel with kerosene

671. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that diesel and petrol are being adulterated with kerosene; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent this adulteration?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following steps are being taken to prevent the adulteration of Petrol and diesel with Kerosene:—

(1) Filter paper test at petrol pumps.

(2) Recording of temperature and density of HSD both at supply and receipt points.

(3) Doping of Kerosene with furfural.

(4) Introduction of Mobile Laboratories for surprise checks at petrol pumps.

(5) Regular inspections of petrol pumps and kerosene agencies by oil company officers.

(6) State Governments/U.Ts. have been delegated powers under section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act to issue appropriate orders for regulating the production, distribution, trade and commerce of essential commodities and for any incidental and supplementary matters.

Formation of National Fuel Policy

672. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering formulation of National Fuel Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The present policy framework of the Government, *inter-alia*, lays emphasis on

— accelerated exploitation of domestic energy resources viz. coal, hydro and nuclear power,

— energy conservation and management with a view to increase energy productivity,

— development and exploitation of new and renewable sources of energy.

Within this policy framework, the energy/fuel options are adjusted on a continuing basis depending upon the supply and demand situation for the various forms of energy. Government is not considering any major departure from the existing energy/fuel policy at this stage.

Setting up of new hospitals in Delhi

673. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration or the Central Government propose to set up new hospitals in the Capital in the near future, in view of the increasing population; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Details are furnished in the enclosed statement.